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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS FOR WORLD MEDICAL USE AND TURKISH
OPIUM BAN

REF: STATE 137751

1. IF REFTEL IS REGARDED AS ANSWER TO ANKARA 5066, WITH WHICH IT APPARENTLY CROSSED, EMBASSY MUST REITERATE SEVERE RISH OF "ON THE ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER HAND" PHILOSOPHY THAT IT EXPOUNDS.

2. REFTEL APPEARS TO BE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT THERE IS CURRENT WORLD SHORTAGE OF MEDICAL OPIUM. IF SO, QUESTION ARISES WHY COMMON SENSE DOES NOT DICTATE THAT WE EXPEND OUR EFFORTS IN TURKEY NOT IN MAINTAINING BAN BUT IN WORKING WITH TURKS TO HELP PERFECT THEIR CONTROLS, EXPLAINING TO CONGRESS WHY IN LONG RUN TURKS CAN BE EXPECTED TO DO AT LEAST AS WELL AS INDIANS, GIVEN RELATIVE DISCIPLINES OF TWO PEOPLES AND RELATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPETENCE WITH WHICH
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TWO COUNTRIES ARE RUN. QUESTION ALSO ARISES AS TO WISDOM OF U.S. BEING TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON NEUTRALIST (AT BEST)

INDIA RATHER THAN ON NATO ALLY WITH A RECORD ON BALANCE
THAT IS IMPRESSIVELY TILTED TOWARD U.S. FRIENDSHIP.

3. IF INDIA IS TO REMAIN SINGLE PARAMOUNT WORLD SUPPLIER,
FULL FORCE OF SAME PRESSURES THAT CORRUPTED TURKEY WILL SURELY
BE CHanneled IN DUE COURSE AGAINST INDIANS. IF TURKS COULD
NOT HANDLE THOSE PRESSURES, IT IS ILLOGICAL TO COUNT ON INDIANS
BEING ABLE TO DO SO.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ASSERTION THERE IS CURRENT MEDICAL
OPIUM SHORTAGE IN WORLD IS SUBJECT TO SERIOUS CHALLENGE.
HOWEVER, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT OF CLEAR AND PRESENT
DANGER OF HEROIN TRAFFIC. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE
AGAIN STRONGLY URGE THAT FIRST PRIORITY BE ACCORDED TO
PREVENTING BAN RESCISSION HERE. SPECIFICALLY WE RECOMMEND
THAT "STRADDLING" POLICY OUTLINED IN REFTel BE ABANDONED,
AND THAT PROPOSAL OUTLINED STATE 135135 BE WITHDRAWN IN
ORDER NOT TO SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS HERE.
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